

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-29 are pending, with Claim 1 being the only independent claim. Claims 6-7 have been amended. Claims 28-29 have been added.

Overview of the Office Action

Claims 1-5 and 8-27 were allowed.

Claims 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because of the expression "fan-like" therein.

Remarks

Claims 6-7

Claims 6-7 have been amended to eliminate the expression at issue and to correct a few minor informalities (i.e., "a gear," "the gear" and "the coin sorting section").

Withdrawal of the rejection under §112, second paragraph, of Claims 6-7 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 28-29

Claims 28-29 have been added to cover the "fan-shaped side cross section" features of the invention. The expression "fan-shaped" is definite and unambiguous. Support for such features can be found on page 16, lines 7-14 of the specification and in Figs. 4-5.

Since Claims 28-29 depend indirectly from allowed Claim 1, each of them is allowable therewith.

A check in the amount of \$100 in payment of the official filing fee for the added Claims 28 and 29 is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Conclusion

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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